

# ON THE SHORE

Folks,

I had a wonderful time knocking every door in the riding and getting to know those of you who were available when I dropped by. I am honoured and humbled to have your trust, and I will work to keep it every day as your voice in the 20th Legislative Assembly.

I want to thank all who volunteered, donated, and provided services as well as advice to my campaign. Extra special thanks to Candace, Inemesit, Rose J., Rose S., Linda, Kelly R., Kelly S., Michele, Gila, Marina, Jessica, Jessi, Hawa, Tasha, Rob, Claudia, Aida, Steph and Batiste. The biggest hugs and endless gratitude to Jan, Karen and my husband Eric, without whom none of this would have been possible.

## MEETING WITH CONSTITUENTS

We've held two constituency meetings in late January and May, before sittings of the Assembly in 2024. It was great to see so many of you attend at both meetings, and hear your ideas and concerns. During the 20<sup>th</sup> Assembly, we plan to continue the tradition of holding meetings at Fraser Tower as previous MLAs have done in the past, as well as offering an online option for those who wish to attend via Zoom.

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During these meetings I heard:

- There is a need this for Assembly to focus on a strong economy, housing, public safety, health care and addictions, including mental health
- Your concerns about the 2023 wildfire season and evacuation, and the need for an independent review, as well as health concerns from the air quality
- Your concerns around the Polytechnic University's potential placement on Tin Can Hill
- Your thoughts on the proposed Robertson Drive dock improvements
- Your concerns with the use of agency nurses and the pace of collective bargaining
- The steep rental increases faced by constituents
- Concerns on the state of the economy and the imminent closure of diamond mines

These issues and concerns were under discussion by all MLAs when we met in February to set the priorities of the 20th Assembly, as well as during budget deliberations in May and June.

## My Standing Committees

- Accountability and Oversight – Member
- Economic Development and Environment – Member
- Government Operations – Deputy Chair
- Procedures and Privileges – Chair
- Social Development – Alternate
- Board of Management - Alternate

## Session: Some of What I'm Talking About

- Making income assistance regionally appropriate
- Adequate maintenance of public housing
- Improvements needed for the *Residential Tenancies Act* for the safety of residents
- Plastic waste and extended producer responsibility regulation
- Suggestions for improvement to the health system and change of name process to be more inclusive for trans and gender diverse folks
- Health worker burnout and the use of agency nurses
- The importance of Indigenous midwifery across our territory
- Fertility supports for NWT residents

You can read all of my statements and questions in the House at [www.ntlegislativeassembly.ca/meet-members/mla/kate-reid](http://www.ntlegislativeassembly.ca/meet-members/mla/kate-reid)



*In the Legislature, I aim to be a voice of compassion and leadership.*

# Tin Can Hill Status Update



*We are waiting to hear back on an environmental site assessment of Tin Can Hill, expected this summer.*

Many folks in the riding are passionate about our big backyard — Tin Can Hill — and keeping it a multi-use outdoor space. I continue to talk about this issue with the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) and Education, Culture and Employment (ECE), and provided updates at my last constituency meeting. Currently, my office is waiting hear back from the Minister on the status of the environmental site assessment (ESA), which is under review within the GNWT. The ESA was originally expected in early spring 2024, but now we expect it at some point in summer 2024. I will be sure to let folks know what I hear when I hear it!

Some of you have expressed an interest

in making Tin Can Hill a territorial park. Most of the land that is considered Tin Can Hill is City of Yellowknife land, and zoned as recreational use. Further discussions between the Minister of ECE/ITI and the City would have to happen if there was public demand for this to occur.

My hope is that all three of us – the Minister, the Mayor, and myself – can have a meeting this fall about what ways the public has a say in what comes next. At this point, it is hard to say what will happen before the ESA is released. I want residents to have clarity and information about possible paths forward once we have more certainty, and I hope a possible meeting can provide a starting point.

# Work On An Updated Boat Launch

The Departments of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) and Infrastructure (INF) are planning work at the Robertson Drive Dock, which is near the neighbourhood of the old Con Mine. Consultation and design are expected this year and construction is expected to start in the summer of 2025.

This work is being done to provide safe access for vehicles and safe moorage of boats. ITI and INF want to soften the slope down to the water access, and build an improved dock with moorage. This summer, new signage will be updated at the site while a tender for the dock's new design will be out shortly.



*Work to improve the Robertson Drive dock should start as early as summer 2025.*

# Since Being Elected...

I've had many meetings and attended events with:

- Northern Indigenous leadership roundtable
- JTFN Holiday Reception
- Meet the Media breakfast
- Chamber of Mines
- Alternatives North
- YWCA NWT
- NWT Early Childhood Association
- National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women
- NWT Disabilities Council
- NWT Indigenous Leaders Economic Forum
- Northern Arts and Cultural Centre staff and board
- City of Yellowknife Council meeting with Yellowknife MLAs
- NWT Community Services Corporation luncheon
- Yellowknife Housing Authority Board Nominating Committee
- Hazho Elexè Lets'èzhe - Community Network Gathering coordinated by HomeBase YK



*It was my honour to organize the Yellowknife MLA group in the 2024 Yellowknife Pride Parade. I'm pictured here with my colleague from Yellowknife North Shauna Morgan.*

- Commission scolaire francophone des TNO
- Earth Week Coffee House with Ecology North
- National Day of Mourning with UNW, PSAC and NTFL
- Book launches with Marie Wilson and Dr. Julia Christensen at Yellowknife Books
- Tin Can Hill Conservation Committee
- Yellowknife Women's Society
- YK Citizens for Ceasefire with Premier

Simpson

- Yellowknife Pride Parade

As well as many meetings with constituents, Her Worship Mayor Alty, interviews with media, and meeting with my Cabinet colleagues about issues you've raised.

***If you or your organization wishes to talk – please reach out! Our contact information is below.***

## GNWT Public Engagements

Your feedback matters! You can find all active GNWT public engagements in one place online, to provide feedback and take part in surveys here:

<https://haveyoursay.nwt-tno.ca>

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